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Mr. Manabu Tagomori
Deputy Director
Department of Land and Natural Resources
Commission on Water Resource Management
P. O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Dear Mr. Tagomori:

Petition to Amend Interim Instream Flow Standard
Lumahai River Hydroelectric Power Project
Kauai

This is to confirm our conversation with George Matsumoto on April 4, in regards to the above referenced document.

We understand that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Status, will be provided by the applicant prior to consideration of this petition by the Commission. Chapter 343 specifies that assessment of environmental effects of a planned project shall be performed "at the earliest practicable time." Hence, we feel that any action taken by a permitting body prior to fulfillment of obligations imposed by Chapter 343 is inappropriate.

Also, it is our understanding that we will be given the opportunity to offer our comments on this petition at the time the EIS is made available. We look forward to offering our comments at that time.

Yours truly,

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